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Mr. Royston C. Hughes
Assistant Secretary of the Interior
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Mr. Hughes:

The Secretary of Defense has asked me to respond to your letter of November 20, 1974 requesting the Army to update its support agreement with the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

The Department of the Army agrees in principle with the need for providing certain types of support to the Trust Territory, so long as that support does not interfere with the performance of its primary mission at Kwajalein Missile Range and is otherwise consistent with applicable laws and regulations. We agree with your recommendation that the detailed format and wording of the support agreements should be negotiated by the appropriate operating agencies. The Commander of the Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Command, or his designated representative, will be the Department of the Army signatory to the final agreements.

Sincerely yours,

(SIGNED)

Henry L. T. Koren
Deputy Under Secretary of the Army

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